

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A water-absorbent resin composition comprising a water-absorbent resin, an oxygen-containing reducing inorganic salt, an aminocarboxylic acid-based metal chelating agent and an organic antioxidant.
2. (Original) The water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the oxygen-containing reducing inorganic salt is 0.01 to 5 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the water-absorbent resin.
3. (Original) The water-absorbent resin composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the amount of the aminocarboxylic acid-based metal chelating agent is 0.01 to 5 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the water-absorbent resin.
4. (Currently Amended) The water-absorbent resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the amount of the organic antioxidant is 0.001 to 5 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the water-absorbent resin.
5. (Currently Amended) The water-absorbent resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the oxygen-containing reducing inorganic salt is at least one member selected from the group consisting of sulfites, bisulfites, pyrosulfites, dithionites and nitrites.

6. (Currently Amended) The water-absorbent resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the aminocarboxylic acid-based metal chelating agent is at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, hydroxyethylenediaminetriacetic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, triethylenetetraminehexaacetic acid, trans-1,2-diaminocyclohexanetetraacetic acid, and salts thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The water-absorbent resin composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the organic antioxidant is at least one member selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acids, erythorbic acids, gallic acids, protocatechuic acids, benzimidazoles and alkylated hydroxyanisoles.

8. (Currently Amended) An absorbent comprising the water-absorbent resin composition as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 and a hydrophilic fiber.

9. (Original) An absorbent article comprising the absorbent as defined in claim 8 interposed between a liquid-permeable sheet and a liquid-impermeable sheet.